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Mail Stop Patent Application  
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**Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application  
For: Filtering and Managing Electronic Mail  
Our Reference No: 58020-00601**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

- (1) New Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 page);
- (2) Thirty pages of specification, claims and abstract (30 pages);
- (3) Eight sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 1 – 6B (8 pages);
- (4) Non-publication Request Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
- (4) an unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages); and
- (5) return receipt postcard.

Please date-stamp the enclosed copy of this letter, acknowledging receipt of the above-identified documents. Please date-stamp the enclosed postcard and identify on it the application number, and return to us.

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<b>NEW UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket Number	58020-00601
		First Named Inventor	John D. Robinson
		Title	Filtering & Managing Electronic Mail
		Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS		ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS	
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification <span style="float: right;">Total Pages <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">30</span></span> (preferred arrangement set forth below)  <input type="checkbox"/> Descriptive Title of the Invention  <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Reference(s) to Related Case(s)  <input type="checkbox"/> Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R &amp; D  <input type="checkbox"/> Background of the Invention  <input type="checkbox"/> Brief Summary of the Invention  <input type="checkbox"/> Brief Description of the Drawing(s)  <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed Description  <input type="checkbox"/> Claim or Claims  <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of the Disclosure</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) <span style="float: right;">Total Sheets <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">8</span></span></p> <p>5. Oath or Declaration  a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Declaration <span style="float: right;">Total Pages <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span></span>  <input type="checkbox"/> Executed (original or copy)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76</p>		<p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s))</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement &amp; PTO-1449  <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citation(s)</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmittal letter (in duplicate)</p> <p>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Return receipt postcard</u></p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>	

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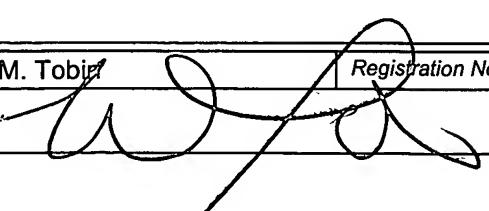
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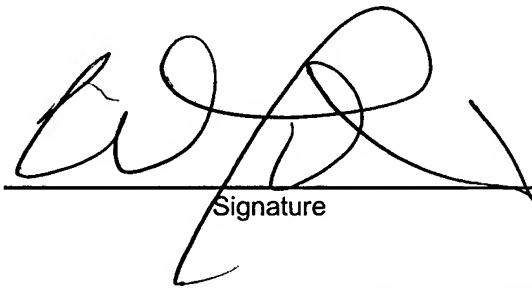
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	Title	Filtering & Managing Electronic Mail
	Atty Docket Number	58020-00601

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